Refinery Capacity of HPCL

742. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to raise the HPCL refinery capacity at Mumbai and vlzag;

(b) if so, what is the present capacity of these refineries and what is the proposed raise; and

(c) the details of upgradations proposed to be carried out to achieve the objective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) The current installed capacity of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)'s refinery at Mumbai and Visakhapatnam is 5.5 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTA) and 7.5 MMTPA respectively. Both refineries have undertaken Clean Fuel Projects to meet future auto fuel specifications, wherein refining capacity of Mumbai refinery and Visakhapatnam refinery will be enhanced to 7.9 MMTPA and 8.33 MMTPA respectively by 2005.

Production of Ethanol-Blended Petrol

743. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ethanol-blended petrol is produced and supplied in India;

(b) if so, the details of its production and distribution network, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether it would be made available throughout Andhra Pradesh;

(d)if so, by when;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Ethanol-blended petrol would help the sugarcane farmers in increasing the support price of Sugarcane with much reduction in the price of a litre of Ethanol-blended petrol when compared to the price of a litre of petrol; and